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Dear Bud,

Here is a carbon of the comment you asked me to send to Popkin.

Please forgive my candor, but anything else would not be an act of friendship.

As you know, I have never had a high opinion of Popkin's performance or knowledge. But that he knows so little he would trouble you with that awful crap? Does he have to know any fact at all to recognize that sick stuff for what it is?

But he has to know close to nothing not to recognize the obvious things his correspondent added toggther with little imagination or subtlety.

I have a file of clippings on Castillo. They are worthless save as a record of what the polluted sea washes up.

I didn't want to embarrass Popkin with more detail, for to do so would be to tell him he is ignorant of the subject in which he both published and set himself up as the judge of others. Example, the Wisconsin foolishness is a transparency of a false report involving, as I remember, something called the Red Fox Inn.

New Orleans: Garrison; Chicago: President's cancelled trip, Klein's, etc.

Woof!